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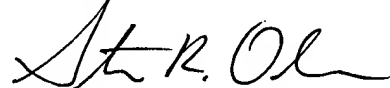
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Title : FIBER CAPABLE OF FORMING METAL CHELATE, PROCESS FOR  
PRODUCING THE SAME, METHOD OF TRAPPING METAL ION WITH  
THE FIBER, AND METAL CHELATE FIBER  
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REQUEST FOR CONSIDERATION OF DOCUMENTS CITED  
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Sir:

With respect to the above-identified application for patent, applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the documents cited in the International Search Report (as set forth under MPEP §609) and so indicate by a statement in the first Office Action that the information has been considered.

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application, the requirement for a concise explanation of relevance set forth under 37 CFR 1.98(a)(3) can be satisfied by submitting an English-language version of the search report or action which indicates the degree of the relevance found by the foreign office. It is respectfully submitted that applicants have satisfied the requirements set forth under 37 CFR 1.98(a)(3) because an English-language versions of the search report and the office action have been filed.

If there are any questions regarding this application, please telephone the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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